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POST NOMINATES KOO KI-SEOK, HAPDONG NEWS AGENCY FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR. AFTER GRADUATING FROM PRESTIGIOUS SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN 1959 KOO BEGAN JOURNALISM CAREER AS REPORTER WITH DONGHWA NEWS AGENCY. AFTER PROMOTION FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR HE MOVED TO HIS PRESENT JOB AT HAPDONG IN 1972. HAPDONG IS KOREA'S LARGEST NEWS AGENCY, AND IS AFFILIATED WITH AP AND REUTERS. AS FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR KOO SUPERVISES DISSEMINATION MOST FOREIGN DATELINE NEWS TO LOCAL MEDIA, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS. WHILE WORKING, KOO CONTINUED GRADUATE STUDY AT SNU, RECEIVING M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE IN 1966. SINCE THEN KOO HAS BEEN TEACHING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, POLITICAL SCIENCE AT AREA SCHOOLS; IN 1973 WILL SERVE AS LECTURER SOONGJON UNIVERSITY. KOO'S SUPERVISOR AND FELLOW REPORTERS CONSIDER HIM ONE OF BEST STAFFERS AT HAPDONG. 1970 TRIP TO JAPAN ONLY FOREIGN TRAVEL SO FAR. JOURNALISTS TOUR WILL PROVIDE KOO WITH NEEDED PERSPECTIVE BILATERAL TRADE AND POLITICAL RELATIONS. KOO'S ENGLISH MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR PROJECT. POST NOMINATES AS ALTERNATE MR. LEE KANG-GUL, FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR OF MAJOR SEOUL DAILY KYUNGHYANG SHINMUN. LEE HAS MOVED STEADILY UPWARD SINCE BEGINNING JOURNALISM CAREER IN 1959. A POLITICAL SCIENCE/DIPLOMACY GRADUATE OF PRESTIGIOUS YONSEI UNIVERSITY,
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LEE NOW WRITES INTERPRETIVE REPORTS ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FOR HIS PAPER. HE HAS TRANSLATED THREE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKS
INTO KOREAN IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. HIS ONLY FOREIGN TRAVEL
WAS TO JAPAN, TAIWAN, AND THE PHILIPPINES. HIS ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT.
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